

Indiana University - Bloomington Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution to Allow Graduate Students with Valid International Driver's Licenses to Use University Vehicles

Whereas, the IU Motor Pool provides rental vehicles for university transportation needs; and

Whereas, faculty, staff, and temporary employees can rent vehicles for university business purposes; and

Whereas, under the Indiana University Policy “Who Can Use University Vehicles” (FIN-INS-07), a “university driver” shall “possess a valid operator’s license of the type required by the vehicle used, and this license must be issued by one of the states, Commonwealths, territories, or possessions of the United States or by a Canadian province; other international licenses are not acceptable”¹; and

Whereas, international students are valuable members of the Indiana University community, and should receive the same services available to domestic students; and

Whereas, other universities in the Big Ten Conference allow those with valid international driver’s licenses to drive university vehicles; and

Whereas, the University of Michigan’s vehicle operator policy states, “Operators must have a valid driver license... A valid driver license is those issued within the United States, Canada or an international driver license from the operator’s country of origin. If the driver has an international driver license, the driver’s license must be translated into English so Fleet Services can determine driver eligibility”²; and

Whereas, the University of Maryland’s policy says, “All drivers must possess a driver’s license that is valid in the State of Maryland”³; and

Whereas, international students can drive legally in the U.S. for one year using a driver’s license from their home country and an International Driver’s Permit (IDP)⁴; and

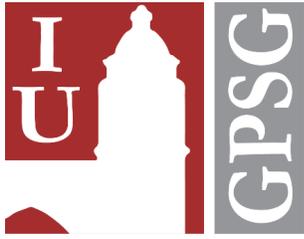
Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that:

¹ Indiana University, Who Can Use University Vehicles: <https://policies.iu.edu/files/policy-pdfs/fin-ins-07-who-can-use-university-vehicles.pdf>

² University of Michigan, Vehicle Operator Policy: https://ltp.umich.edu/fleet/fleet_policies/vehicle_operator.pdf

³ University of Maryland, Driving Rules for University of Maryland Vehicles: <https://www.dbs.umd.edu/motor/policy/rules.php>

⁴ Indiana University Office of International Affairs, Driving in the United States: <http://international.iupui.edu/indianapolis/driving.html>



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- a) GPSG advocates for Indiana University to omit “other international licenses are not acceptable” from its policy on who can use university vehicles.
- b) GPSG advocates for Indiana University to amend its relevant policies to read, “possess a valid operator’s license of the type required by the vehicle used, and this license must be issued by one of the states, Commonwealths, territories, or possessions of the United States, by a Canadian province, or by the operator’s country of origin when accompanied by an International Driver’s Permit (IDP).”
- c) GPSG advocates for Indiana University to alternately amend its relevant policies to read, “All drivers must possess a driver’s license that is valid in the State of Indiana,” which is inclusive of valid international driver’s licenses.

GPSG President

Date